FISCAL NOTE HB 585 - SB 641

March 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires LEAs to implement the preventive maintenance components of the EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program and to conduct a uniform inspection and evaluation program of the indoor environmental quality prior to January 1, 2007, and every three years thereafter. This inspection must be done by a licensed engineer, architect or certified industrial hygienist. The LEA must issue an annual report to the Department of Education on the actions that the LEA has taken in implementing the Indoor Air Quality program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000*

Assumptions:

- Local boards of education would be responsible for implementing the air quality program in each district. Assumes the responsibility would be on local boards to provide the money for the program.
- The number of school districts currently complying with the requirements of the Indoor Air Quality program is estimated to be small.
- To accomplish all aspects of the program, each district would require an additional staff person (IAQ Coordinator) at an average annual salary of \$39,799 (based on the statewide average teacher salary).
- The exact amount for bids and contracts to review and eliminate current air quality conditions cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director